

REMARKS

The accompanying brief assumes that the amendment proposed above will be admitted. The Applicants have chosen to simplify the issues in this appeal by canceling Claims 11-16 and 57-59, directed generally to implants. Since the owner of the pending application is in the dental implant industry, the remaining claims, directed to dental implants, are retained after amendment and would remain on appeal.

The Applicants request that the amendments be admitted in order to better focus the issues in this appeal. The assistance of Ms. Frances Han of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences with regard to this amendment is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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